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SUBJ: ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY

1. ISRAELI PRESS THIS WEEK REPORTS ADDITIONAL SETTLEMENT ACTIVITY IN RAFAH JUNCTION AREA, ON GOLAN HEIGHTS, AND IN ARAVA.

2. PRESS REPORTS THAT THREE NAHAL SETTLEMENTS WERE ESTABLISHED AUGUST 19 IN THE RAFAH AREA. ONE CAMP, NAMED SUKKOT, REPORTEDLY LIES SOUTHWEST OF SADOT ON THE ROAD TO YAMIT. ANOTHER, NAMED METZURA, IS LOCATED SOUTHEAST OF SADOT BEYOND ETIV HAASARA. THE THIRD, NAMED ESHEL, ALSO DESCRIBED AS SOUTHEAST OF SADOT. BOTH HEBREW PRESS AND JERUSALEM POST ACCOUNTS OF INAUGURATION CEREMONY MENTIONED THAT CIVILIAN AND MILITARY DIGNITARIES WERE PRESENT BUT THAT PRESS WAS ASKED TO LEAVE SINCE SITES INVOLVED ARE CONSIDERED MILITARY LOCATIONS.

3. ALSO RE RAFAH JUNCTION, HAARETZ REPORTS THAT PLAN FOR NINE CIVILIAN SETTLEMENTS IN THE AREA HAS BEEN APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE BY MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON SETTLEMENT IN TERRITORIES. PLAN UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL REPORTEDLY BE IMPLEMENTED IN STAGES DUE TO

WATER SHORTAGES AND BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS, WITH TWO SETTLEMENTS TO BE ESTABLISHED INITIALLY.

4. DAVAR REPORTS WORK WILL START ON INFRASTRUCTURE OF SITE EARMARKED AS REGIONAL CENTER FOR SETTLEMENTS IN NORTHERN GOLAN HEIGHTS. THE CENTER WILL REPORTEDLY BE LOCATED BETWEEN MEROM HAGOLAN AND KURITRA ON THE KUNEITRA-WASIT ROAD. THE CENTER IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE AGRICULTURAL SERVICES TO THE KIBBUTZIM. INITIAL CONSTRUCTION WILL BE OF REFRIGERATION FACILITY ON AN AREA OF 30 DUNAMS.

5. COMMENT. ABOVE INFORMATION IS AS REPORTED IN ISRAELI PRESS. WE WILL ATTEMPT THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI OFFICIALS AND ON-SITE INSPECTIONS TO CONFIRM ACCURACY AND ELABORATE WHERE POSSIBLE. IN PARTICULAR, WE ARE AWARE THAT SITE MENTIONED PARA 4 ABOVE MAY BE SAME REGIONAL CENTER DISCUSSED FOR SOME TIME. KEATING

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